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Mr. Dulles:

The other day on the airplane you were asking me if there had been any other mention in the press that Max Taylor might replace you, and you were also wondering about Taylor's age.

As near as I can find, Cy Sulzberger is the only one who has suggested that Max Taylor might be selected by President Kennedy to head the Central Intelligence Agency after your eventual retirement. Sulzberger suggested this in his column of October 22, 1960 prior to the election and again in the February 8 article which you saw the other day. I also attach for your information an article which appeared in the New York Times of October 31, 1960 in the nature of a biographic sketch of General Taylor. He was born on August 26, 1901 and so will be 60 years old this coming August.

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